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SUBJECT: ISSUE OF DEMOCRACY IN GREECE AT NATO MINISTERIAL MEETING

REF: STATE 230918

1. WHEN THE SUBJECT OF RECENT GREEK EVENTS CAME UP IN THE COURSE OF A NOVEMBER 30 CONVERSATION ON OTHER MATTERS, FONOFF NATO AFFAIRS DIRECTOR VAN DER DERCKHOVE REMARKED THAT FOREIGN MINISTER VAN ELSLANDE "WOULD HAVE A BIG PROBLEM WITH GREECE" AT THE UP-COMING NATO MINISTERIAL. WHEN PROBED, VAN DER KERCKHOVE WAS UNABLE TO SAY WITH CERTAINTY THAT VAN ELSLANDE INTENDED  
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TO SPEAK OUT ON GREECE AT THE MINISTERIAL, BUT HE LEFT THE CLEAR

IMPRESSION THAT THIS WAS A DISTINCT AND LIVELY POSSIBILITY IN VIEW OF VAN ELSLANDE'S KNOWN VIEWS ON THE GREEK SITUATION IN PARTICULAR AND THE PERSERVATION OF DEMOCRACY IN THE ALLIANCE IN GENERAL.

2. EMBOFF TOOK THE OCCASION TO RESTATE THE US POSITION AS CONTAINED IN REFTEL AND TO URGE THAT IF VAN ELSLANDE FELT COMPELLED TO CRITICIZE GREECE, HE DO IT IN SOME OTHER FORUM AND SPARE NATO ANOTHER ROUND OF POINTLESS AND DIVISIVE BICKERING.

3. COMMENT. VAN ELSLANDE DOES INDEED HAVE STRONG FEELINGS ON THE SUBJECT OF DEMOCRACY IN THE ALLIANCE AND MAY BE COUNTED UPON TO SUPPORT OTHER CRITICS OF GREECE (E.G., THE NORWEGIANS OR DUTCH) IF HE DOES NOT LAUNCH THE INITIAL CRITICISM HIMSELF. IT MIGHT BE USEFUL TO HAVE GERMAN AND BRITISH SUPPORT HERE AS IN OSLO.  
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